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A Good Meeting

Interstate Editorial Association will come to Liberal in November

The Interstate Editorial Association held the most successful meeting in its brief history at Bucklin last Monday. About twenty of the editors from this section of the state gathered together for the first regular meeting of the organization. In the morning the general business session was held. In the afternoon 19 automobiles lined up in front of the hall where the meetings were held, and took the editors, and the Meade Ladies' Band for a 35 mile drive over the good roads around Bucklin. The crowd drove west and north of Bucklin by way of Ford, and then south, and back to the city. The day wasn't the most pleasant of the season but that didn't stop the Bucklinites. They lined up the cars, and took the fellows around just the same. Late in the afternoon the paper by Mr. D. M. Steiner on Pointers from the Cost Convention at Wichita was very interesting. S. P. Gebhart of the Pratt Union made a short talk on "Our Competitor". This was followed by a discussion which occupied the remainder of the short session. The following officers were elected. Pres. Ray Millman, First Vice Pres. I. J. Stanton of the Fowler Gazette, Second Vice Pres. E. M. Anderson of the Hugoton Hermes, Third Vice Pres. J. B. Miller of the Meade News, Treasurer, Ray B. Price of the Ford Promoter and C. G. Eddy Secretary. Meade was a candidate for the next meeting which will be held in November, but Liberal was finally chosen the Meade representatives withdrawing.

The editors went to Bucklin as guests of the Commercial Club, and could not have been more royally entertained. They were presented early in the day with badges bearing the inscription "Guest of the Commercial Club, Bucklin Kansas". The Bucklin crowd is all right, and their pulling together as they did last Monday cannot fail to make that one of the best towns in the west.

The Commercial Club there is composed of the best men of the town, and they are the sort of fellows who do things. There is a string of tungsten lamps down main street on both sides of the street, which make the town very pretty and attractive at night. That is only one of the things the Commercial Club has done. They further secured the Meade Ladies' band for the occasion, which made it on the whole one of the most pleasant gatherings ever held in this part of the state. In the evening the Meade Ladies' Band gave a concert at the opera house which by courtesy of the Commercial Club was free to the public. The violin and cornet solos of Prof. Von Prosky were indeed excellent. The ladies band is a new organization and their program was very well rendered.

The new opera house is one of the most attractive and best arranged theatres in this section of the state. The management of the house donated it to the editors. An address of welcome by C. M. Mills, President of the Commercial Club of Bucklin was responded to by Pres. Ray Millman of this city. Albert Steinal, the well known editor of the Southwest Trail, the official Rock Island publication gave a short talk in the evening on the special dry farming train which will be in this territory the 19th or 20th of April.

The following editors were in attendance: Ray Price of the Ford

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Promoter, S. P. Gebhart of the Pratt Union, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McConnell of the Plains Journal, J. B. Miller of the Meade News, E. M. Anderson of the Hugoton Hermes, G. N. Harvey and R. C. Harvey of the Bucklin Banner, I. J. Stanton of the Fowler Gazette, F. Fuhr of the Meade Globe, I. J. Schall of the Dodge Journal, C. A. Scott and J. D. Conner of the Mullinville Tribune, J. E. Peters of the Tyrone Observer, A. T. Steinal of the Southwestern Trail, J. K. Cochran of the Pratt Republican, and Ray Millman and C. G. Eddy of the Liberal papers. M. D. Steiner of the Benedict Paper Co., at Kansas City, R. M. Green of the American Type Foundry at Kansas City, Jim Biggerstaff of the Interstate Paper Co. at Kansas City, and Fred Galusha of the Western Newspaper Union at Wichita were present, and were elected to honorary membership in the organization.

This meeting of the editors was to our notion, a decided success, and in a large measure was due to the efforts of Mr. Harvey, and the hustling Commercial Club of Bucklin. All of the fellows appeared to have a good time, the only drawback of the day being the fact that Bucklin had such a round of entertainment, there was hardly sufficient time for the sessions of the organization. The pace they set there will be a pretty stiff one for even Liberal to follow, but we will do our best to see that the editors have a good meeting here, and we believe every man who was at Bucklin will be on hand for the next meeting here.

To know how to invest is better than cash itself. We have that kind of investment in Liberal town lots.

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Spent The Money.

When No. 1 stopped here Tuesday afternoon, some thirty or forty Greeks got of the train, and made a run up the middle of the street for the city bakery, where they purchased some three hundred loaves of bread in less than fifteen minutes. A few of the more prosperous ones also bought pies. They didn't wait to have them wrapped up, but carried their purchases down the street in their arms. At the Star Grocery they were attracted by the window display of bottled vinegar. They also had a strong appetite for the glass that cheers, and thinking it was whiskey, bought the entire stock at 50 cents a bottle. Of course they did not have time to open any of it on the premises, and we can only surmise as to what they thought when the bottles were opened.

John Irwin, who is connected with the telephone exchange at Hooker was in Liberal on business Wednesday.

Mr. J. L. Coleman, of Coleman, Mo. is in Liberal this week visiting Mr. P. A. Craig. He is looking for a location, and likes the town and country here.

The work on the Stamper block is being pushed along, and will soon be completed. It is estimated that the entire building will be ready for occupancy within the next twenty days.

A force of men and teams is busy this week grading around the new hotel and depot. A space has been left inside the enclosure back of the hotel for a cottage for the employees of the hotel. It is said that the construction on this building will not be started before fall.

Business Change

S. A. Fields has bought the 5, 10 and 15 cent store formerly conducted by Chas. Johns, and took possession Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Johns will soon start on a trip through Colorado and other western states, where they hope to find a climate which will benefit Mrs. Johns' health. Mr. Fields recently sold the Liberal Meat market here and then decided to go into business here again. He is widely and favorably known, and will make a success of his new venture.

Costs but little, but worth much. Liberal town lots. Let Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry explain.

Dr. T. L. Higginbotham has recently purchased the new bungalow built by Terwilliger-Weidensaul in the north part of the city. The new residence will soon be ready for occupancy. It is of five rooms, well finished, and built in the mission style, the wall being of pebble dash finish. The house was built on plans designed by Weidensaul and the contract executed by Mr. Woods, who recently came here from Richfield.

The editor had the pleasure of meeting the editor of the Ashland Clipper at his office last Saturday. Bro. Mayse has done a great deal for that town and country. At present he is pushing the Wiggins sub-irrigation contracts, and is installing a new linotype machine in his office. Ashland is fast becoming one of the best towns in the west. It has well cleaned and sprinkled streets, a number of good merchants and a new electric light plant and water works owned by the city. Bro. Mayse has ideas of his own and is not afraid to express them.

Liberal Looks Good.

A trip through Minneola, Bucklin, Meade and Ashland has convinced the editor that business here is in better shape this spring than in any of those prosperous towns. The crop prospects around this section are as good, if not better, than they are 50 miles east of here, where land is from \$5 to \$10 an acre higher than it is here. Clark county farmers are talking now of sowing broomcorn and maize. While much of the wheat east will make a crop if the season is favorable, a large per cent of it is dead or blown out, and in other fields the yield cannot go above 10 bushels to the acre under the most favorable conditions and on the whole Meade county is in better shape than Seward Clark or the south half of Ford counties.

A New Theatre

J. E. Cooper of Kansas City has leased the building formerly occupied by Taylors Drug store and is remodeling it this week for an electric theatre. Mr. Cooper will have a sloping floor in his house, and will install folding opera chairs. He expects to cater to the best class of business and has a new picture machine. Mrs. John Fraser will have charge of the music. If no delays occur, the show will be opened Saturday night.

Notice

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church will hold a bazar in the old Rest Room Saturday, April 15th. Consisting of sale of bonnets, aprons and other useful articles. Food Sale, Candy Booth, Coffee and Sandwiches. Your patronage is earnestly solicited.

Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry are selling town lots that will make you money.

D. L. Longnecker has a new cement walk in front of his new home on Grant Ave.

Get a town lot now, of Ellsaesser, Woods & Henry.

Liberals' Clean-up Day.

"Out of sight, out of mind" does not apply to Liberal, as I am deeply interested in the proposition to make our town clean. I hope the hearty co-operation of all will be forthcoming. We have set apart April 21st as clean-up day and if we all help, there need be no fear of failure.

I was in Hutchinson Saturday and saw fifty loads of dump going to the river. There the boys of the schools were appointed captains over the districts and helped to master the situation. People were asked to collect dump in the alleys and instructed that wagons would come and carry it away. The boys were ably seconded by the city officials. The mayor declared a holiday for the schools and everybody cleaned up.

The women of the W. C. T. U., and the "Club" will appreciate the splendid co-operation of everybody in Liberal.

The towns of Castleton, Mt. Hope, Pretty Prairie and Darlow in Sedgewick and Reno counties gave me splendid receptions. As did also Chapman, where the Dickinson county High School (the oldest county high school in the world) is located. Prof. Perril whom many Liberalites remember, is the superintendent.

Abeline, Manchester, Willowdale and Plains follow in the wake, and then I shall be glad to get home and clean up my own yard, and help Liberal in the general "clean-up".

MINNIE J. GRINSTEAD,
April 10. Chapman, Kansas.

Public Sale.

For good brood mares and some extra good milk cows, attend John Lahey's sale April 19.

Easter Sale.

The St. Andrews' Guild will give an Easter tea and sale at the home of Mrs. Billy Stewart in the old Etzold property, Tuesday, April 18th, from 3 to 6 p. m. All are cordially invited, both men and women.

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